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# LIBRARY NEWS

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*Preserving the Past—  
Building for the Future*



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## LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES

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### Report from the Chair

by Sue Sargent

A quick look at the calendar tells us that we're more than half way through spring, but the shivering plants in my vegetable garden seem to think otherwise. However, I hope many of you have noticed the spring clean-up in front of the library. Thanks to MACC and the town for arranging to have the rose bushes removed next to the walkway and new grass planted. This opens up the view of our historic building and takes away one of the more irritating maintenance challenges of keeping the bushes under control and cleaned up. We have saved some of the plants in case we find a good spot for a new patch in the future. MACC has now provided six planters with lovely colors along the walkway—a sure sign that the weather is warming up.



And if it's spring, it must be time to plan for the annual Fourth of July book sale. We can always use more books—please go through your collections and bring anything you want to donate in to the library soon. We also need volunteers to help set up and take down the sale so let Mary West know if you can help. The sale occurs during the morning of the Fourth while everyone is waiting for the parade to pass by and is an important money earner for the operation of the library. In addition, this year we plan to have available for purchase some used computer equipment that the library no longer needs.

So these are some sure signs of spring—and summer too! Hopefully both will arrive soon and stay a while.

### 6 X 6 Art for Addition

A big THANK YOU to all who participated in the library's first 6 x 6 Art for Addition fundraiser. Over 50 artists donated their time and talent by contributing original art for this sale. The library provided the canvas and the artists used different mediums including oil, acrylic, collage, fabric, metal, water color, pen and ink, and glass art. More than \$2,000 was raised for the renovation and addition/Capital Campaign for the library. Future fund-raising plans include an art auction.



### Annual Fourth of July Book Sale

On July 4<sup>th</sup> the library will host its annual book sale before and after the parade. Paperbacks, hardcover books, children's books, videos, and DVD's will be available for purchase. Funds from this popular annual event go toward the maintenance of the library.

### New Flower Pots

The rose bushes that lined the front of the library lawn have been removed because they were so hard to maintain. Although the bushes have been in place for many decades, they were not there when the library was built in 1913. Berta and Matt Pykosz have planted 6 large pots of annuals that were generously provided by MACC.

**THE MORRISTOWN  
CENTENNIAL LIBRARY**

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**Hours:**  
Sunday Closed  
Monday Closed  
Tuesday 10:00 am to 7:30 pm  
Wednesday 10:00 am to 7:30 pm  
Thursday 10:00 to 5:30 pm  
Friday 10:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

When the library is closed,  
returns may be made to the box  
located outside the front door.

*The Morristown Centennial Library  
building was constructed in 1915 and  
is one of four Carnegie Libraries in  
the state. The library is funded by a  
town appropriation and income from  
its endowment. Gifts to the  
endowment are always welcome.*

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**MORE LIBRARY NEWS**

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**Volunteer Tea**

The Trustees welcomed a handful of library volunteers on Monday, April 13 at our annual Volunteer Tea. As we enjoyed tea and delicious baked treats, Sue Sargent, Trustee Chair, thanked all those who contribute their time and energy to the library. Each volunteer was asked to choose a library book in order to have a book plate with their name on it attached inside the book recognizing their invaluable contributions. We hope to have more volunteers attend the tea next year.

**Meet the Library's Newest Trustee — In Her Own Words**

Hi, I'm Meredith McGee, the newest member of the Board of Trustees of the Morristown Centennial Library! I'm joining at a very exciting time. There's plenty to do, especially helping to make our new addition a reality.

I've lived in Morrisville since 1991, having moved here from Chicago. That was the same year I graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a BA in Anthropology. Much to my dismay, they weren't hiring many anthropologists in Vermont that year! I went back to school at Norwich, and earned my nursing degree in 1995. I work at Copley Hospital and really enjoy working in my own community. I am working part-time these days so that I can home-school our 2 children, ages 10 and 12. In my "spare time," I study Tae Kwon Do, and earned my black belt a year ago. I also love watching Hindi (Bollywood) movies, and am starting to learn Hindi so I can understand them without the subtitles.

I have always been a fan of libraries, and have lived in places with libraries smaller than ours (yes, really!) and with huge multi-story libraries. I am amazed at the high quality of the library we have here in Morrisville, especially given the space constraints. As a homeschooling mom, I'm always checking out books. Mary West tells me that last year I checked out more books than anyone else — 550. See you at the library!

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**🌻 SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 🌻**

**June 30 through August 6** — "Get Creative at Your Library," Children's Summer Reading Program. Tuesdays, grades K-2 and Thursdays, grades 3-5. All sessions begin at 10:30 a.m.

**July 4** — Book sale on the library lawn from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**July 15** — Join jazz pianist Cody Michaels from 1 to 2 p.m. for a children's music program.

**July 15** — "Flood of 1927," a lecture by Nicholas Clifford presented by the Morristown Centennial Library and the Morristown Historical Society at the Noyes House Museum at 7 p.m.

**Beginning October 14** — Mark your calendars for the fall video series on Islam.

*For more information about these programs please call the library at 888-3853.*

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**Mission Statement**

The Morristown Centennial Library's mission is to further our community's commitment to literacy and broad public access to information, sharing the advantages and joys of reading and lifelong learning with as many members of our community as possible.

To achieve its mission the library is dedicated to

- providing a comfortable and welcoming environment,
- offering high quality services and programs that are responsive to our community's wants and needs, and
- honoring patrons' rights to privacy, confidentiality and intellectual freedom.